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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PALMER ET AL.

Examiner

Anil Khatri

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because they disclose a claimed invention is that an “abstract idea and do not disclose any technological embodiment” as defined in the case *In re Wardmerdam*, 33, F.3d 1354, 31, USPQ2d 1754 (fed. Cir. 1994).

Examiner interprets that the claims are nonstatutory because there is simply abstractly constructed and claims involves no more that a manipulation of abstract idea and does not produce a useful results so that its functionality can be realized. Therefore, Claims 1-30 are nonstatutory and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Ferguson et al* USPN 5,819,092.

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Regarding claims 1, 18, 19 and 25

Ferguson et al. teaches

- a structure-form based software tool that allows a user to create said web site based upon information input into a series of forms controlled by a customizable menu system (see figures 1, 19, column 4, lines 18-26, “ to provide... world wide web server”).

Regarding claims 2, 6, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28

Ferguson et al. teaches

- software tool allows a user to generate a product listings page, a product information page, and an order form page, each automatically generated based upon user input and linked to one another (figs. 3 a, 8, 12, column 4, lines 51, 65, “ the editing system... on line service, column 7, lines 10-21, online service... defined conditions”, column 9, lines 59-65, “content of the catalog... for a set fee).

Regarding claims 3, 5, 16, 17 and 23

Ferguson et al. teaches

- software provides for the creation of a main administration menu (fig. 1, 3, 4 7, 9-16, column 10, lines 30-54”).

Regarding claim 4

Ferguson et al. teaches

- allow user to access other information from a plurality of similar web site owners, said software allowing said user to upload said information to use on said user's web site to circumvent having the need for third party software (fig 2, column 8, lines 53-67, “ user initiate... to the user's” column 9, lines 1-10, “ the online service.. in step 250”).

Regarding claims 7 and 15

Ferguson et al. teaches

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software tool allows said web site to communicate with other commercial and non-commercial web sites on the Internet (column 8 lines 11, lines 9-26, "communication between.. later analysis").

Regarding claims 8, 24 and 29

Ferguson et al. teaches

- software tool allows said user to create affiliate program for their site (column 10, lines 1-11, "online service.. can be used").

Regarding claim 9

Ferguson et al. teaches

- slideshow maker tool for creating presentation on web site and slideshow organizing and allowing for the modification of the pages comprising said web site (see figure 7, column 17, lines 50-57, "visual editor... portable document").

Regarding claims 10 and 30

Ferguson et al. teaches

- slideshow maker features a creation panel comprising a main menu, a page for creating new pages, two pages for editing existing pages, and a page for reordering existing pages and changing the look of all said pages (see figure 7, column 17, lines 35-47, "hypermedia editor 711... can be supported").

Regarding claim 11

Ferguson et al. teaches

- a shopping cart/order form hybrid (figure 5, column 15, line 55").

Regarding claim 12

Ferguson et al. teaches

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- custom form builder that allows said user to set up fields and values in HTML format to create forms that accept input from anyone accessing said web site through the Internet (column 10, lines 1-11, "online service development tool... can be used", lines 29-39, "hypermedia documents... the global internet").

Regarding claim 13

Ferguson et al. teaches

- a downloadable order history that allows anyone accessing said web site and placing an order thereon to view orders that have been received, and to provide several modification and cancellation options (figure 15, column 22, lines 20- 31, " developer could use... order screen").

Regarding claim 14

Ferguson et al. teaches

- hidden web pages that said user may wish to be kept hidden (column 4, lines 63-65).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

USPN 5907831

USPN 6178407

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USPN 6202200

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri, Primary Examiner whose telephone number is 703-305-0282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00 PM.

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The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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